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TABLE 1

## CODES FOR THE NAMES OF COUNTRIES

Country names provided in this table are approved by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names (BGN). Differences between ISO names, as approved by the United Nations, and the BGN names are shown in Table 3. Names preceded by an asterisk (\*) reflect changes in names or codes made since the initial issuance of LC 1067 in April 1976 and are explained in Table 2.

ENTITY	CODE Alpha-2	CODE Alpha-3
Afghanistan	AF	AFG
Albania	AL	ALB
Algeria	DZ	DZA
American Samoa	AS	ASM
Andorra	AD	AND
Angola	AO	AGO
Antarctica	AQ	ATA
Antigua	AG	ATG
Argentina	AR	ARG
Australia	AU	AUS
Austria	AT	AUT
*Bahamas, The	BS	BHS
Bahrain	BH	BHR
Bangladesh	BD	BGD
Barbados	BB	BRB
Belgium	BE	BEL
Belize	BZ	BLZ
*Benin	BJ	BEN
Bermuda	BM	BMU
Bhutan	BT	BTN
Bolivia	BO	BOL
Botswana	BW	BWA
*Bouvetoya	BV	BVT
Brazil	BR	BRA
British Indian Ocean Territory	IO	IOT
British Virgin Islands	VG	VGB
Brunei	BN	BRN
Bulgaria	BG	BGR
Burma	BU	BUR
Burundi	BI	BDI
Cambodia	KH	KHM
Cameroon	CM	CMR
Canada	CA	CAN
Canal Zone	PZ	PCZ
Canton and Enderbury Islands	CT	CTE
Cape Verde, Republic of	CV	CPV
Cayman Islands	KY	CYM
*Central African Empire	CF	CAF
Chad	TD	TCD
Chile	CL	CHL
China (Taiwan)	TW	TWN
China	CN	CHN
Christmas Island	CX	CXR
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	CC	CCK
Colombia	CO	COL
*Comoros	KM	COM

ENTITY	CODE Alpha-2	CODE Alpha-3
Congo	CG	COG
Cook Islands	CK	COK
Costa Rica	CR	CRI
Cuba	CU	CUB
Cyprus	CY	CYP
Czechoslovakia	CS	CSK
Denmark	DK	DNK
Dominica	DM	DMA
Dominican Republic	DO	DOM
Ecuador	EC	ECU
Egypt	EG	EGY
El Salvador	SV	SLV
Equatorial Guinea	GQ	GNQ
Ethiopia	ET	ETH
*Faroe Islands	FO	FRO
Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)	FK	FLK
Fiji	FJ	FJI
Finland	FI	FIN
France	FR	FRA
French Guiana	GF	GUF
French Polynesia	PF	PYF
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	FQ	ATF
French Territory of the Afars and Issas	AI	AFI
Gabon	GA	GAB
*Gambia, The	GM	GMB
German Democratic Re- public	DD	DDR
Germany, Federal Re- public of	DE	DEU
Ghana	GH	GHA
Gibraltar	GI	GIB
*Gilbert Islands	GE	GEL
Greece	GR	GRC
Greenland	GL	GRL
Grenada	GD	GRD
Guadeloupe	GP	GLP
Guam	GU	GUM
Guatemala	GT	GTM
Guinea	GN	GIN
Guinea-Bissau	GW	GNB
Guyana	GY	GUY
Haiti	HT	HTI
Heard Island and Mc- Donald Islands	HM	HMD
Honduras	HN	HND
Hong Kong	HK	HKG
Hungary	HU	HUN
Iceland	IS	ISL
India	IN	IND
Indonesia	ID	IDN
Iran	IR	IRN
Iraq	IQ	IRQ
Iraq-Saudi Arabia Neutral Zone	NT	NTZ
Ireland	IE	IRL
Israel	IL	ISR
Italy	IT	ITA
Ivory Coast	CI	CIV

ENTITY	CODE Alpha-2	CODE Alpha-3
Jamaica	JM	JAM
Japan	JP	JPN
Johnston Atoll	JT	JTN
Jordan	JO	JOR
Kenya	KE	KEN
*Korea, Democratic Peoples Republic of	KP	PRK
Korea, Republic of	KR	KOR
Kuwait	KW	KWT
Laos	LA	LAO
Lebanon	LB	LBN
Lesotho	LS	LSO
Liberia	LR	LBR
Libya	LY	LBY
Liechtenstein	LI	LIE
Luxembourg	LU	LUX
Macao	MO	MAC
Madagascar	MG	MDG
Malawi	MW	MWI
Malaysia	MY	MYS
Maldives	MV	MDV
Mali	ML	MLI
Malta	MT	MLT
Martinique	MQ	MTQ
Mauritania	MR	MRT
Mauritius	MU	MUS
Mexico	MX	MEX
Midway Islands	MI	MID
Monaco	MC	MCO
Mongolia	MN	MNG
Montserrat	MS	MSR
Morocco	MA	MAR
Mozambique	MZ	MOZ
*Namibia	NA	NAM
Nauru	NR	NRU
Navassa Island <sup>1</sup>	NV	NAV
Nepal	NP	NPL
Netherlands	NL	NLD
Netherlands Antilles	AN	ANT
New Caledonia	NC	NCL
New Hebrides	NH	NHB
New Zealand	NZ	NZL
Nicaragua	NI	NIC
Niger	NE	NER
Nigeria	NG	NGA
Niue	NU	NIU
Norfolk Island	NF	NFK
Norway	NO	NOR
Oman	OM	OMN
Pakistan	PK	PAK
Panama	PA	PAN
Papua New Guinea	PG	PNG
Parcel Islands <sup>1</sup>	PI	PAR
Paraguay	PY	PRY
Peru	PE	PER

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ENTITY	CODE Alpha-2	CODE Alpha-
*Philippines	PH	PHL
Pitcairn	PN	PCN
Poland	PL	POL
Portugal	PT	PRT
Puerto Rico	PR	PRI
Qatar	QA	QAT
Reunion	RE	REU
Romania	RO	ROM
Rwanda	RW	RWA
St. Christopher-Nevis- Anguilla	KN	KNA
St. Helena	SH	SHN
St. Lucia	LC	LCA
St. Pierre and Miquelon	PM	SPM
St. Vincent	VC	VCT
San Marino	SM	SMR
Sao Tome and Principe	ST	STP
Saudi Arabia	SA	SAU
Senegal	SN	SEN
Seychelles	SC	SYC
Sierra Leone	SL	SLE
Singapore	SG	SGP
Solomon Islands	SB	SLB
Somalia	SO	SOM
South Africa	ZA	ZAF
Southern Rhodesia	RH	RHO
Spain	ES	ESP
Spratly Islands <sup>1</sup>	SI	SPR
Sri Lanka	LK	LKA
Sudan	SD	SDN
Surinam	SR	SUR
Svalbard and Jan Mayen	SJ	SJM
Swaziland	SZ	SWZ
Sweden	SE	SWE
Switzerland	CH	CHE
Syria	SY	SYR
Tanzania, United Republic of	TZ	TZA
Thailand	TH	THA
Togo	TG	TGO
Tokelau Islands	TK	TKL
Tonga	TO	TON
Trinidad and Tobago	TT	TTO
*Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	PC	PCI
Tunisia	TN	TUN
Turkey	TR	TUR
Turks and Caicos Islands	TC	TCA
*Tuvalu	TV	TUV
Uganda	UG	UGA
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	SU	SUN
United Arab Emirates	AE	ARE
United Kingdom	GB	GBR

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ENTITY	CODE Alpha-2	CODE Alpha-3
United States	US	USA
United States Misc. Pa- cific Islands	PU	PUS
Upper Volta	HV	HVO
Uruguay	UY	URY
Vatican City	VA	VAT
Venezuela	VE	VEN
*Vietnam	VN	VNM
Virgin Islands of the U.S.	VI	VIR
Wake Island	WK	WAK
Wallis and Futuna	WF	WLF
*Western Sahara	EH	ESH
Western Samoa	WS	WSM
Yemen (Aden)	YD	YMD
Yemen (Sana)	YE	YEM
Yugoslavia	YU	YUG
Zaire	ZR	ZAR
Zambia	ZM	ZMB

TABLE 2

## COUNTRY NAME AND CODE CHANGES

This table provides a list of changes which have been made since the first edition of LC 1067 dated April 1976.

Name Changes

Bahamas, The	(Formerly Bahamas)
Benin	(Formerly Dahomey)
Bouvetoya	(Formerly Bouvet Island)
Central African Empire	(Formerly Central African Republic)
Comoros	(Formerly Comoro Islands)
Dahomey	(Name changed to Benin)
Faroe Islands	(Formerly Faeroe Islands)
Gambia, The	(Formerly Gambia—BGN name change)
Gilbert Islands	(Formerly Gilbert and Ellice Islands)
Korea, Democratic Peoples Republic of	(Formerly Korea, Democratic People's Republic of)
Namibia	(Formerly South-West Africa)
Pacific Islands, Trust Territory of the	(BGN name changed to Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands)
Pitcairn	(Formerly Pitcairn Island)
South-West Africa	(BGN name changed to Namibia)
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	(Formerly Pacific Islands, Trust Territory of the)
Tuvalu	(Formerly Gilbert and Ellice Islands)
Vietnam	(Formerly Vietnam, Democratic Republic of, and Vietnam, Republic of South)
Western Sahara	(Formerly Spanish Sahara)

Code Changes

Philippines	(Alpha-3 Code changed from PHI to PHL)
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Deletions

Portuguese Timor	(Now part of Indonesia)
Sikkim	(Now part of India)

### TABLE 3

#### ISO/BGN COUNTRY NAME CROSS-REFERENCE

Variations between ISO names, as approved by the United Nations, and the BGN names provided in Table 1 are shown below:

- Cape Verde Islands  
  See Cape Verde, Republic of
- Falkland Islands (Malvinas)  
  See Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)
- French Afars and Issas  
  See French Territory of the Afars and Issas
- French Southern and Antarctic Territories  
  See French Southern and Antarctic Lands
- Heard and McDonald Islands  
  See Heard Island and McDonald Islands
- Hong-Kong  
  See Hong Kong
- Johnston Island  
  See Johnston Atoll
- Kampuchea, Democratic  
  (Formerly Khmer Republic)  
  See Cambodia
- Lao People's Democratic Republic  
  See Laos
- Libyan Arab Republic  
  See Libya
- Macua  
  See Macao
- Namibia  
  See South-West Africa
- Neutral Zone  
  See Iraq-Saudi Arabia Neutral Zone
- Niue Island  
  See Niue
- Pacific Islands (Trust Territory)  
  See Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
- Panama Canal Zone  
  See Canal Zone
- Pitcairn Island  
  See Pitcairn
- St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla  
  See St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla
- Samoa  
  See Western Samoa
- Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands  
  See Svalbard and Jan Mayen
- Syrian Arab Republic  
  See Syria
- Taiwan, Province of  
  See China (Taiwan)
- United States Virgin Islands  
  See Virgin Islands of the U.S.

TABLE 3—Cont.

Vatican City State (Holy See)
See Vatican City
Viet Nam, Socialist Republic of
(Formerly Viet-Nam, Democratic Republic of, and
Viet-Nam, Republic of)
See Vietnam
Wallis and Futuna Islands
See Wallis and Futuna
Yemen Arab Republic
See Yemen (Sana)
Yemen, Democratic People's Republic of Yemen
See Yemen (Aden)

TABLE 4

OVERLAPPING ENTITIES

The following countries and codes are provided in the ISO Standard but are not a part of the American National Standard in that these entities are overlapping. (Names preceded by an asterisk (\*) reflect changes made since the initial issuance of LC 1067 in April 1976):

British Antarctic Territory (Part of Antarctica)	BQ	ATB
Byelorussian SSR (Part of Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	BY	BYS
Dronning Maud Land (Part of Antarctica)	NQ	ATN
*East Timor (Formerly Portuguese Timor; now part of Indonesia)	TP	TMP
Ukrainian SSR (Part of Union of Soviet Socialist Republic)	UA	UKR



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